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STATE CAMPGROUNDS TO OPEN STARTING FRIDAY, APRIL 14

The tulips are blooming, the sun is shining and the mercury is rising. Summer is rapidly approaching, as is camping season! Camping is an easy, affordable way to enjoy the natural beauty of Massachusetts, and Massachusetts State Parks are a great place to camp.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has over 30 campgrounds throughout the Commonwealth, from the Berkshires to the Outer Cape. Four of these campgrounds will open on Friday, April 14, and the remainder will open throughout May and June. A detailed schedule is attached.

To make a reservation, call ReserveAmerica's toll-free reservations line, 1-877-I-CAMP-MA, or visit ReserveAmerica.com. For more information about camping in DCR's state parks, forests and reservations, go online to http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/camping.htm.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION CAMPGROUND OPENING SCHEDULE, 2006

Friday, April 14

Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth/Carver Salisbury Beach State Reservation, Salisbury Shawme-Crowell State Forest, Sandwich Wompatuck State Park, Cohasset

Friday, April 21

Massasoit State Park, Taunton Scusset Beach State Reservation, Sandwich

Friday, May 5

DAR State Forest, Goshen Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover Horseneck Beach State Reservation, Westport Mohawk Trail State Forest, Charlemont Wells State Park, Sturbridge

Friday, May 12

Beartown State Forest, Monterey October Mountain State Forest, Lee Otter River State Forest, Baldwinville Pittsfield State Forest, Pittsfield Tolland State Forest, Tolland Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (WBNERR), Waquoit

Friday, May 19

Savoy Mountain State Forest, Florida

Monday, May 22

Nickerson State Park, Brewster (call for more information)

Thursday, May 25

Clarksburg State Park, Clarksburg
Erving State Forest, Erving
Granville State Forest, Granville/Tolland
Lake Dennison State Recreation Area,
Winchendon
Mt. Greylock State Reservation, Lanesboro
Pearl Hill State Park, West Townsend
Willard Brook State Forest, Ashby/Townsend
Windsor State Forest, Windsor

Friday, May 26

Federated Women's Club State Forest, Petersham

Saturday, June 24

Grape Island, Boston Harbor Islands Bumpkin Island, Boston Harbor Islands Lovells Island, Boston Harbor Islands

Call for details

Camp Nihan Environmental Education Center, Saugus Chester-Blandford State Forest, Chester

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